

**Dade Heritage Trust
Board of Trustees – April 18, 2006
Colony Theater, Miami Beach**

Present: Richard Heisenbottle, Judy Pruitt, Dolly MacIntyre, Amy Furness, Bill Murphy, Mary Young, Jose Goyanes, Ann Marie Clyatt, Becky Matkov

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Heisenbottle at 7:15PM. The minutes were approved as emailed.

Don Worth of the MiMo Coalition made a presentation and asked for DHT's support for the historic district designation for Biscayne Boulevard from approximately 50th Street to 77th Street when it goes before the City of Miami's Historic and Environmental Preservation Board on May 2. The members present approved supporting the designation; however, since there was not a quorum present, the absent Board members will be polled for a majority approval.

Financial Report: We are not desperate but we are in need of fundraising. Ocean Bank made a \$5000 donation. Becky Matkov mentioned an online auction fundraising with National Trust where we would receive 40% of any item we contribute. We have made an application to the Conrad Hotel for lunch for 24 with accompanying publicity. The possibility of once again making a major campaign to sell additional bricks for the Cape Florida Lighthouse was discussed and declined at this time.

Becky reported that we have received a letter of resignation from Kathy Hersh. It was accepted with regret and Rich will write Kathy a letter.

Golf Tournament: This will be held October 16 or 17 at Fisher Island. Total Bank is giving \$10,000 but wants us to include a "bigtime" auction.

We will look into a fundraiser with the Performing Arts Center and the Sears Tower.

Dade Heritage Days: This year's events have received excellent media coverage, including a big article in Miami Monthly, which featured a cover story on Dade Heritage Trust and Dade Heritage Days in its April issue. There are 475,000 listings about Dade Heritage Days online on Google. The "Saving South Beach" event at The Hotel, underwritten by Goldman Properties and featuring author Marty Stofik was lovely but attendance was disappointing. We took in a couple of new members and made a \$450 profit. Next year's Dade Heritage Days has the theme of Miami's Entertaining Past and we need to plan a major fundraiser now. It was suggested that we try to enlist the help of the entertainment industry, especially the Estefans. The Preservation Awards will be presented on April 26th at Northern Trust. See attached list. The City Cemetery Commemorative Service will take place on April 30th.

On April 20th there will be a meeting with Partners for Sacred Places at First Presbyterian Church. This is a program originally sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for urban churches needing help.

Rich met with Ivan Rodriguez today regarding the GOB funds. The GOB Preservation funds coordinator has been sidelined with health issues, which has slowed down the process..

Hubbard/Alvarez Bungalow: Rich met with one of the bidders and handed out the first of three bids expected for the restoration. It is for \$383,433, which is over budget. The plan is to fix up the property and sell it. We might try to get volunteers to do some of the work such as painting. We might do a showhouse with a specific budget as a fundraiser and attention getter. Rich suggested involving FIU's Dept. of Interior Design.

DHT Headquarters: Becky is to set up a meeting with City of Miami Asset Management to discuss DHT being deeded Dr. Jackson's Office. In 1976, at the instigation of Dade Heritage Trust, the City of Miami

purchased the historic 1905 building as a Bicentennial project. DHT restored it and has used it as our headquarters for 30 years, leasing it for \$1 a year, with DHT doing all the maintenance and restoration. We have not been able to get a long-term lease from the City since 1996. This is a pressing issue to resolve if we are to move forward on the major repairs and restoration of the building we now need to do.

We received a subpoena for employment records relating to Glenna Cook McKitterick, a DHT executive director in 1994. The case is in Missouri between McKitterick and the Catholic Archdiocese. DHT sent a letter and the information we could find and we don't expect to hear anything further.

Becky brought up an FPL transmission line which is being opposed by residents in Miami Shores.

A tour of the beautifully restored Colony Theater was led by Rich, who was the preservation architect for the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Dolly MacIntyre
Secretary